



Madera Unified School District

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Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

It is impossible to describe the challenges people across the world have faced since last spring. The global COVID-19 Pandemic is truly historic and will change the way we live for generations to come as similar plagues have done to our ancestors in times past. We know our families and staff want answers to hundreds of questions and we are working with districts across the nation to find the best practices that equal a path forward. In reality, the last 120 years of education have been reinvented in the last 20 weeks. Changes are sure to be made as the year progresses and we learn more about the coronavirus, our public health response, the needs of our students, and the capacity of our staff. We know two things for sure; 1) plans, practices and policies will change during the year as we learn more 2) we will do all we can to support our students, families and staff regardless of the challenges presented. No matter the nature of the crisis, no matter the conditions we have to overcome, we are always better when we work together.

The pandemic response has required distance learning that relies on digital classrooms, content, and instructional strategies, which has thrust us headlong into the 21st century. Education will never be the same and we will be learning as we go. We pledge ourselves to be our best for your children and we humbly request our families to be patient and supportive. Not a single parent or teacher wanted this but we find ourselves in a defining moment. Our choice to work together will truly define the success of our students. You'll find the most updated information on our website at <https://www.madera.k12.ca.us/> and we ask you to carefully consider all the district communications we send out. Our **Instructional Continuity Plan** and **The Student and Parent Rights and Responsibilities Handbook** is accessible year-round under the Students/Parents section, or by requesting a copy from your school site, or from the office of Student Services at Price's Plaza, 1820 Howard Road, (559) 416-5858.

This handbook briefly sums up the rights and responsibilities that you and your child have within Madera Unified School District. In the following pages, you will find key policies and laws that affect your child's education; processes for accessing services; and procedures for finding answers to questions or voicing concerns. Please consult the District's website (www.madera.k12.ca.us) or your local school webpage for more detailed information, which is updated throughout the year.

Within the handbook you will find these important topics:

- ☐ Governing Board Policies (BP) and Administrative Regulations (AR)
- ☐ California Education Codes (EC)
- ☐ Special Education, Categorical Funding and Child Development
- ☐ Dress Code
- ☐ Student Discipline

The MUSD Community Compact states our Mission this way: ***We are committed to creating and sustaining a culture enabling Madera Unified students to experience an unparalleled educational journey that is intellectually, socially and personally transformative.*** This challenging mission requires us to work together to provide the safest and healthiest learning environment possible. This guide is a resource to student and parent rights and policies approved by our Governing Board to help support any concerns about hate-inspired behavior, discrimination, or harassment.

Thank you for being part of our team and our mission to provide the opportunity for all students to reach their potential. We're proud to serve you and value your collaboration and communication to help us all improve!

Sincerely,

Todd Lile
Superintendent